

Alaska FASD Partnership - Steering Committee
June 8, 2016 – MINUTES

I. Introductions. Vickie Tinker, Alex Edwards, Mike Jeffery, Amy Hansen, Deb Evensen, Noelle Miller, Shannon Cross, Stephanie Johnson, Teri Tibbett.

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes 5.11.16. Approved as amended.
Whitecrow Village program acronym is wrong.

IV. Member Updates

Deb has been in White Clay, Nebraska (population 14 with 4 liquor stores that sell high alcohol content beer in copious amounts), at the edge of Pine Ridge Reservation, which has a serious and egregious alcohol problem. 1 in 4 people on the reservation has an FASD. "It's been a long time since I've seen the level of disability in such a small population...I felt like I was watching genocide happen." She saw kids with "extreme level of disability that we don't see any more in Alaska. It's really tragic." She added that Alaska is going great, great things in comparison.

Shannon reported that she presented on FASD at the National Child Welfare League and was asked to be part of a panel on FASD at another conference in California. She presented on what Alaska is doing, including the FASD waiver, case management, complex behavior collaborative, preventative measures, Bring the Kids Home, etc. She will send Teri the Powerpoint she used to distribute to steering committee.

Vickie reported that she just returned from England and saw a big drinking culture, but they have going over there is a better use of birth control with fewer unintended pregnancies. Josh Arvidson will be in Kenai next week for a trauma training. Also working on Royal Family Kids Camp (for foster kids).

Mike reported he received an invitation from the Barrow school district to present on FASD at the new teacher orientation/in-service. This is progress. Also, a new OCS social worker has just transferred in from Bethel and has great energy and knowledge. Also, announced the full-day training hosted by the Alaska Bar Association on September 9 in Anchorage. He will forward a 64-page paper on FASD and judges.

Teri reported that two important pieces of legislation passed that will affect people with FASD, their families, and people serving them: SB 91 Criminal Justice Reform and SB 74 Medicaid Reform. She is preparing a legislative report that will offer more details.

Noelle reported she's working on finalizing evaluations and moving into a summer program that provides PT, OT, speech therapy Hippo Therapy (with horses). She talked about grandparents raising their grandkids with FASD who participate in the program and how valuable Hippo Therapy is for them. Deb added there is a parents and grandparents support group in Kenai.

Stephanie reported that the Nome diagnostic team is currently getting their training from UW and the doctors are mentoring in Anchorage. They're hoping to bring in parent navigators soon. They expect to have the clinic up and running in the fall. They're looking at add-on contracts so they can do evaluation and work in villages.

V. Ad Hoc Workgroup Discussion on Therapeutic Foster Care – Action Items

Teri discussed the need to organize the 20 recommendations that came out of the ad hoc workgroup into short term goals and long term goals. She asked everyone to review the list for any actions they may want to take on. Following were the responses:

#2 Teri will organize this effort. Deb and Noelle volunteered to help.

#6 Noelle and Vickie will look at *Presley Ridge*.

#8 Teri will research what the Medicaid reforms passed by the legislature will do, timelines for implementation, costs, etc. and suggested follow-up.

#9 Vickie said she'd be willing to take on developing a one-hour, one-credit course on FASD geared for foster families.

#12 Talk to Monica and Jeanne and Mike about researching culturally-appropriate support services, etc.

#13 Teri and Mike will look into researching possible regulations, legislation related to therapeutic foster care.

#17 Some districts already have developed education about FASD. Talk to Deb and Vickie who have both done this.

#19 Mike and Stephanie will look into contacting folks in Canada to see what they're doing related to extending the jurisdiction for youth past age 18.

#20 Shannon will talk to folks at DHSS about how the Medicaid reforms might affect the billing. She clarified that TSU cannot bill Medicaid at all. Family therapy cannot be billed outside of the clinic. Case management can be billed outside the clinic. The mental health clinicians cannot bill for family therapy outside the office. Shannon reported she has done family therapy in the home, but cannot bill for it, even though family therapy in the home is the most effective, in her opinion.

For the DEED FASD training currently being revised, Noelle suggested they add video clips of people actually performing the examples of helping children in the classroom, because visuals stick in people's minds. Look at the animated *Eight Magic Keys* video from Anchorage School District. Deb will ask about another video produced classrooms in Kenai.

VI. Next Ad Hoc Meeting

Teri will send out a doodle.

VII. Next Regular Meeting: July 13, 2016